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Gulf Conflict

Attack on Vessel — The Iraqi Air Force scored a "direct hit" on a "large maritime target" during a "successful" attack south of Khark Island, according to an Iraqi military communique broadcast by Baghdad radio.

Hijacked Planes — Iraq will wait until the end of the war with Iran before returning the three aircraft recently flown from Iran to Iraq, an Iraqi spokesman told AFP. Iraqi Information Minister Latif Nusayyif Jasim, on the other hand, stated at a press conference reported by Radio Monte Carlo that the civilian planes will "never leave" Iraq. Meanwhile, 52 passengers of the most recent hijacking arrived back in Tehran from Cairo on 11 September on board a chartered Lebanese airliner, IRNA reported. The remaining 71 passengers were taken on tours of religious sites in Iraq, INA noted. IRNA claimed that Iraq is trying to force the passengers to stay in Iraq for propaganda purposes.

Iran-Algeria

Iranian President 'Ali Khamene'i and his delegation left Algiers after a 2-day "working and friendship visit," during which he met with his Algerian counterpart Chadli Bendjedid, Algiers radio reported. During his stay in Algiers, Khamene'i also held talks with Algerian Prime Minister Abdelhamid Brahimi, Algerian Foreign Minister Ahmed Taleb Ibrahimi, and SDAR President Mohamed Abdelaziz, Tehran radio added.

Libyan Diplomacy

At the end of his visit to Libya on 9 September, Iranian President Khamene'i stated that Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi had noted that Iraqi President Saddam Husayn is a "common enemy" of Iran and Libya in the same manner as Iran's shah had been, IRNA reported. In the joint statement broadcast by Tehran radio at the conclusion of Khamene'i's visit, it was announced that Al-Qadhdhafi has accepted an invitation to visit Iran at a time to be announced later.

In a separate development, Foreign Liaison People's Bureau Secretary 'Ali 'Abd al-Salim al-Turayki met with his Syrian counterpart Faruq ash-Shar' and the Algerian health minister in Malta at the ministerial meeting of nonaligned Mediterranean countries, JANA reported.

Lebanon

Israeli Air Raid — The Israeli air raid on a "Fatah opposition position" in Bhamdun killed Major Salim Sulayman Da'ud, Al-'Asifah forces artillery battalion commander, and wounded three others, according to an Al-'Asifah military communique cited by Radio Monte Carlo.

Damascus Contacts — The Islamic delegation from Tripoli led by Islamic Unification Movement leader Shaykh Sa'id Sha'ban left Damascus after meeting with Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad, Syrian Vice President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam, and command members of the rival Tripoli Arab Democratic Party, Radio Monte Carlo reported. Meanwhile, Muhammad Mahdi Shams ad-Din, deputy chairman of the Higher Islamic Shi'ite Council, returned to Beirut after meeting with Iranian President Khamene'i in Damascus, Beirut radio noted.

Israel

The Labor Party Central Committee voted 394-166 on 10 September in favor of establishing a national unity government with the Likud, Jerusalem radio reported. However, the Labor Party's main partner in the Alignment coalition, MAPAM, voted 400-9 on 9 September to dissolve the partnership and vote against the unity government, the radio noted. In addition, Alignment Knesset member Yosi Sarid defected to the Citizens Rights Movement, which opposes the basic guidelines of the unity government, ITIM disclosed. Among the other parties, the Ometz and Shinuy factions have agreed to join the government as partners with the Alignment, while the Tehiya Party, a Likud partner in the outgoing government coalition, has decided to go into opposition, Jerusalem radio reported.

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Karmal Calls for Eradication of Illiteracy
LD110701 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0506 GMT 11 Sep 84

[Text] Kabul, September 9, BAKHTAR — The process of illiteracy eradication has become a nation-wide national movement in the DRA.

This was stated by Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA CC and president of Revolutionary Council of the DRA, in his message on the occasion of International Day of Literacy.

He added that the party and the state of the DRA firmly believe that without the establishment of cultural and material bases of a new society the cultural revolution cannot be realized. The party and state of the DRA will put into effect the cutlural revolution with due account to be given to the national and historical traditions of the people. For this reason, the state of the DRA pays considerable attention to generalize literacy throughout the country.

It is worth mentioning to point out that despite the destructive actions of the counter-revolution, the state of the DRA has been able to teach literacy to more than one million people since the April revolution 1978.

Eradication of illiteracy forms the infrastructure of cultural revolution and the making of a new moral life. The cultural revolution, Babrak Karmal said, is a gradual process which requires long, rigorous, and organisational work. This is why the PDPA and the state of the DRA attach profound importance to the eradication of illiteracy.

The enemies of Afghanistan have set to fire over 1800 schools and have martyred hundreds of teachers.

President of Revolutionary Council of the DRA called upon all the concerned ministries, state and private organizations of the DRA to consider it their duty to take further part in literacy programs.

Karmal Receives New Hungarian Ambassador
LD102238 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 10 Sep 84

[Text] This morning at 1100 at the headquarters of the Revolutionary Council, Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, received the new ambassador of the People's Republic of Hungary, Dr Gyorgy Varga, for the presentation of his credentials.

At this time Shah Mohammad Dost, minister of foreign affairs; Mohammad Anwar Farzam, secretary of the DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium; and Mohammad Sakhi Daneshjo, deputy foreign affairs minister, were also present.

Security Forces Defeat Rebels in Provinces
LD102124 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 10 Sep 84

[Text] Militant security forces have carried out successful operations in various parts of the country in accordance with the guidance of the 13th PDPA Central Committee plenum and have crushed rebels, those professional murderers, in the villages and hamlets of the country.

As a result of successful operations carried out recently by the vigilant security forces in Herat Province, a number of armed rebels including two of their leaders were crushed and 15 were captured. The security forces seized 35 assorted weapons, a DShK, a large quantity of ammunition, 5 communication sets, and 2 vehicles, and destroyed several hide-outs.

Similarly, as a result of operations in Parwan Province, a number of rebels were crushed; two of the criminals along with 2 DShK's, 29 antitank and antipersonnel mines, and a quantity of weapons and ammunition were captured.

According to another report, a number of rebels were crushed in the course of operations by the vigilant security forces in Balkh Province; 4 of them were captured together with 11 assorted weapons.

As a result of other operations in Nangarhar, Laghman, Jowzjan, Ghazni, Qandahar and Badghisat Provinces by the brave security forces, a number of armed rebels were crushed and 12 of them were captured. The security forces seized 29 assorted weapons, 3 weapons and ammunition stores, and 1 vehicle. They destroyed several hideouts and a quantity of arms and ammunition.

Two Criminals Executed, One Imprisoned
LD091934 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 9 Sep 84

[Text] According to a BAKHTAR correspondent's report, three professional criminals belonging to the Jami'at-e Islami band known as Safdar, son of Halim and an inhabitant of Qal'ch-ye Zal district, Konduz Province; Hgulam Rasul, son of Assadollah and an inhabitant of Hazrat Imam district; and Mawla Gul, son of Fateh Mohammad, were captured with deadly American weapons in Konduz Province by the country's vigilant security forces while engaged in highway robbery and plundering. During an investigation, they confessed to their inhumane crimes committed in our country on the orders of imperialism and reaction.

During the investigation, they confessed that on 21 December 1983, on the orders of the band's ringleader they blocked the road used by vehicles belonging to the Spin Zar Company [an Afghan cotton company] in Dasht-e Sher Mahi, Konduz Province. They attacked the convoy with rocket-launchers and (?light) weapons. The brave security forces launched a counterattack and captured the robbers after armed resistance lasting 1/2 hour. Their leader

was killed and the security forces seized one [word distinct] American weapon, one rocket-launcher and a rifle. These criminals also confessed that they had taken part in three armed operations against the security forces and had committed several crimes including robbery, plunder, and murder.

The dossier of these professional criminals was completed after due legal consideration. The DRA Special Revolutionary Court issued the following verdicts regarding these criminals:

Safdar, son of Mohammad Halim and inhabitant of Qal'eh-ye Zal District, Konduz Province, and Ghulam Rasul, son of Assadollah and inhabitant of Hazrat Imam district, Konduz Province, were sentenced to death according to Article 175 of the penal code. Mawla Gul, son of Fateh Mohammad and inhabitant of Hazrat Imam district, Konduz Province, who was under 18 years old when the crime was committed, was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment in accordance with article 84 of the penal code.

The court's decision regarding the two men sentenced to death was carried out after being approved by the DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium in accordance with article 58 of the DRA basic principles.

Rebels Burn Library's Koran Volumes
LD091952 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 9 Sep 84

[Text] By setting fire to 213 volumes of the holy Koran in the library of Mawlana Khastah in Mazar-e Sharif city, the uncultured rebels once again proved their hostility against the sacred religion of Islam. Under cover of darkness, these savages and servants of imperialism set fire to the Mawlana Khastah library on the evening of 8 September.

According to a spokesman from the Cultural Department of Balkh Province, 5,000 volumes of scientific, cultural, historical, and technical books, including 213 volumes of the holy Koran, were burned by these enemies of the sacred religion of Islam.

A BIA correspondent from Mazar-e Sharif city reported that thousands of Mazar-e Sharif citizens visited the burned down library today and expressed deep indignation against the rebels, the enemies of knowledge and culture. They condemned the rebels' actions as being against the sacred religion of Islam.

SPA: 2 Soviet Helicopters Shot Down in Baghman
LD102158 Riyadh SPA in English 1924 GMT 10 Sep 84

[Text] Islamabad, Sept 10, SPA — Two Soviet helicopters were shot down by mujahidin ground fire on September 2 in Baghman valley, 15 kilometers northwest of Kabul, reliable source based in Pakistani city of Peshawar reported today.

The sources said Soviet ground offensive against mujahidin redoubt of Paghman started on August 30 and continued till September 3.

During ensuing battles in and around Paghman, some 20 Soviet Afghan troops and 14 mujahidin were killed.

Soviets were reportedly continuing indiscriminate bombing of targets in Paghman on daily basis in a bid to pacify the area, the sources said.

Aerial bombing by Soviets, the sources added, was causing widespread destruction of houses and farms as well as loss of cattle.

During their several offensives against Paghman in past years, the Soviets failed to reduce it completely and mujahidin reappeared in strength every time to threaten the communist regime just on the north flank of the capital city of Kabul.

Meanwhile a London-based press agency said in London today that the mujahidin also captured the security post near Gul Bahar textile mills on Salang highway in Parwan Province after a brief resistance from the Karmal militia stationed there.

They also killed 17 Soviet Karmal troops and destroyed three armoured cars in another operation in sub-division Mohammed Agha of Lowgar Province.

Second Phase of Land Reform Progressing
LD092335 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1530 GMT 8 Sep 84

[Excerpts] Continuing the second phase of the democratic land reform, recently 162 landless peasants and small land holders in Bolan village of Lashkargah, the capital of Helmand Province, received land title deeds.

On continuation of the second phase of the democratic land reform and the just distribution of water, 110 landless peasants and small land holders in Dowlatabad district, Faryab Province, recently received land title deeds.

Quoting a source of Faryab Province's land reform department, a BAKHTAR correspondent reports that since the beginning of the second phase of the democratic land reform in Dowlatabad district, 2,738 land claims have been settled. According to another report, peasantry councils have been formed in seven villages of Dowlatabad district and officials of the councils have been elected from among the members in a free and democratic atmosphere.

Communications Minister Departs for Bulgaria
LD071721 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 1245 GMT 7 Sep 84

[Text] Kabul, 7 Sep (BAKHTAR) — Mohammad Aslam Watanjar, member of the Politburo of the PDPA Central Committee and minister of communication, today departed for Sofia heading a party and government delegation at the invitation of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party to take part in the ceremony marking the 40th anniversary of the Bulgarian revolution.

The delegation was seen off at Kabul Airport by Dastagir Panjsheri, member of the Politburo of the PDPA Central Committee and chairman of the Poets and Writers Union, the deputy chief of the party's International Relations Department, deputy ministers of communication, the deputy chief of protocol at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Bulgarian ambassador in Kabul.

Mohamand Meets Youth Festival Participants
LD092017 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 9 Sep 84

[Text] Participants of the first festival of the Afghan-Soviet youths friendship met today with Niaz Mohammad Mohamand, secretary of the PDPA Central Committee at the party Central Committee headquarters.

During his meeting with the audience, Niaz Mohammad Mohmand said: You who are the best representatives of the country's young generation and have the honor of participating in the first seminar of the Afghan-Soviet youths friendship, have the opportunity, on the one hand to familiarize yourselves with the great gains of the Great October Revolution, and on the other hand learn from the valuable treasures of the Soviet youth. The young generation in the country is looking to you to tell them what you learn during this festival of friendship and solidarity. You must take full advantage of what you learn in building the new society.

At the end of the meeting, the first secretary of the DYOA Central Council and the leader of the group of 70 participants in the Afghan-Soviet youths friendship festival, Farid Mozdak, on behalf of the group, promised to deeply observe discipline and order in the festival program and in learning activities.

A BAKHTAR correspondent reports that participants include representatives of outstanding workers, peasants, officers, troops, students, and teachers.

State, Youth Delegation Leave for USSR
LD101737 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 10 Sep 84

[Text] Brigadier General Gol Aqa, vice president of the DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium, left for the Soviet Union today at the head of a state delegation, to attend the Afghan-Soviet friendship days at the invitation of the Soviet Government.

At Kabul International Airport, the delegation was seen off by 'Abdorrashid Arian, vice president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, by several state officials, and by deputy chief of protocol at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

According to another report, a delegation from the Democratic Youth Organization of Afghanistan [DYOA], led by First Secretary of the DYOA Central Committee Farid Mazdak, today left for the Soviet Union at the invitation of the Komsomol Central Committee to attend the first festival of Afghan-Soviet youth friendship. The delegation includes the minister of education and training, the deputy political chief of the Army, and the deputy head of the organization department of the party Central Committee. The delegation consists of leading workers and peasants, outstanding students and teachers, outstanding youths from the Armed Forces, and the Red Rose artistic group. Similarly, a group of artists from Afghan radio and television left for the Soviet Union to attend the Afghan-Soviet friendship days.

Delhi Reports Badshah Khan Seriously Ill
BK111247 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 11 Sep 84

[Text] The frontier leader, Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, is reported to be seriously ill. He is hospitalized in Kabul. Badshah Khan returned to Kabul last week from Czechoslovakia after treatment of his knee ailment.

Afghan Radio Service To Be Set Up in Europe
GF091216 Rawalpindi HAIDAR in Urdu 19 Aug 84 p 8

[Text] London, 18 Aug — It has been decided to set up a mobile radio service which will be called the "Voice of Free Afghanistan." It will be based in [word indistinct] in the FRG from where it will transmit its programs. This radio service is being set up with the collaboration of the organization for human rights, dignity, and freedom, and an Afghan guerrilla leader. Its programs will be heard in Eastern Europe.

First Session of Beijing Cooperation Talks Ends
BK071313 Dhaka Overseas Service in English 1230 GMT 7 Sep 84

[Text] The first session of the Bangladesh-China Joint Economic Commission ended with the signing of agreed minutes at the Great Hall in Beijing. The minutes were signed on Wednesday by the finance adviser, Mr M. Syeduz Zaman, and the Chinese minister for foreign economic relations and trade, Madam Chen Muhua. During the first session, the two sides reviewed the present state of cooperation between the two countries in the fields of trade, economy, science and technology for further expansion in future.

During the visit of the Bangladesh delegation, an understanding was also reached with China for the export of 15,000 tons of rice to Bangladesh by China in the near future as a friendly gesture in the hour of need.

Official Returns From PRC
BK101357 Dhaka Overseas Service in English 1230 GMT 10 Sep 84

[Text] The first meeting of the Sino-Bangladesh Joint Economic Commission has expressed optimism of widening the existing bilateral economic, trade, scientific, and technical cooperation between the two countries.

This was stated by the principal finance secretary and finance adviser, Mr M. Syeduz Zaman, in Dhaka yesterday on his return from Beijing after leading Bangladesh delegation at the just-concluded meeting of the commission. He said the two countries reached understanding on wide-ranging issues to expand bilateral relations.

Mr. Syeduz Zaman said besides reviewing the existing fields of cooperation, the meeting identified new areas and projects for future cooperation. It also took note of the fact that the progress of the Chinese-aided projects in Bangladesh was satisfactory. He said the commission reached an understanding on taking up joint venture industrial projects and on further transfer of technology. China also indicated its willingness to supply 20,000 tons of rice, including 5,000 tons as food aid for the flood-affected people, under credit and barter arrangements. Reasonable quantity of rice can also be purchased on commercial terms to be negotiated by the two governments.

Joint Talks Begin With India on Rail Movement
BK101608 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 10 Sep 84

[Text] The Indo-Bangladesh official level talks on the movement of goods trains began in Dhaka today. The Indian delegation at the talks is led by Mr M. Ramji, adviser to railways. Bangladesh team is headed by Mr A. Karim, additional director general of the Bangladesh railways. According to official sources, the two sides will discuss how to conduct the smooth movement of goods trains between the two countries. The talks will continue till the 14th of this month.

'Top-Level' Meeting Held on Talks With China

BK101623 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 10 Sep 84

[Text] Top level consultations were held in the External Affairs Ministry today on the next round of Sino-Indian talks on the border issue and other matters beginning in Beijing next Monday. Mr G. Parthasarathi, chairman of the policy planning committee, held preliminary discussions with the minister of state, Mr Ram Niwas Mirdha; the secretary east, Mr Natwar Singh; and the Indian ambassador to China, Mr A.P. Vankatesaran.

An official spokesman said the consultations will continue for the next couple of days. The delegation is expected to leave for China on Saturday. It will be led by Mr Natwar Singh. India and China have already held four rounds of bilateral discussions.

All Arrested Punjab Farmers To Be Released

BK110325 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 11 Sep 84

[Excerpt] The Punjab government has decided to release all the Bhartiya Kissan [Indian Farmers] Union workers arrested during the last few days under preventive provisions. The order will, however, not cover those involved in substantive offense. Over 2,000 workers of the union were arrested in view of their threat to hold a rally in Chandigarh yesterday in defiance of prohibitory orders. The rally was, however, called off at the last moment by the organizers.

Andhra Assembly Adjourns Amidst Commotion

BK110752 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0730 GMT 11 Sep 84

[Text] The Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly was adjourned shortly after it met this morning at 1100. Amidst noisy scenes the pro tem speaker announced that the house will meet at 1100 tomorrow. Immediately after the house met, Mr N. Srinivasulu Reddy, former minister and the member of Legislative Assembly belonging to the Telugu Desam, led by Mr N.T. Rama Rao, raised a point of order. This sparked off unprecedented noisy scenes and nothing was audible in the [word indistinct]. Mr Salauddin, leader of the Majlis group, raised the issue of violent incidents on Sunday in Hyderabad city and was heard arguing with the chair that the Hyderabad incident should be discussed first.

The pro tem speaker Mr Balla Reddy appealed to members to maintain calm but his plea was unheeded. The speaker stood up and read a condolence resolution mourning the death of a legislator, Mr E. Vasudeva Rao, during the interession period and announced the adjournment of the house.

Even after the adjournment, members for all sides remained within the house and raised slogans. There was also a commotion in the house when smoke was noticed from the second row of the front benches. The smoke was immediately put off by a fire extinguisher.

Chief of Army Staff Leaves for U.K. Visit

BK071612 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 7 Sep 84

[Text] The chief of the Army staff, General A.S. Vaidya, left New Delhi today on a 9-day visit to Britain. During his stay there, he will visit various Army formations, defense installations, and training establishments.

Lok Dal Rejects Call for Opposition Alliance

BK090943 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 9 Sep 84

[Text] The Lok Dal has reiterated that it stands for a single opposition party with one leader, symbol, and flag. A statement issued by the party general secretary, Mr Satya Prakash Malaviya, rejected the idea of an alliance or united front of opposition parties.

Kashmir Chief Minister on Special Status

BK090941 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 9 Sep 84

[Text] The Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister, Mr G.M. Shah, has said that the people of the state will resist any move to abrogate Article 370 of the constitution. He was addressing a rally in Srinagar yesterday on the death anniversary of Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah. Article 370 gives a special status to the state.

NEPAL

Prime Minister Says Ties With China Developing

BK101635 Katmandu External Service in English 1450 GMT 10 Sep 84

[Text] Prime Minister Lokendra Bahadur Chand has said that on the basis of age old friendly ties between Nepal and China, relationship between the two [words indistinct] culture, economic and political have been developing rapidly. Declaring open a seminar organized in Katmandu by Nepal-China Cultural Council on the occasion of the 35th national day of the PRC today, Mr Chand noted that since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two neighbors, the cordial ties of friendship and understanding have been growing from strength to strength. He expressed confidence that the Nepal-China relations will be extended in new areas of cooperation and extended best wishes to the people of China for further progress and prosperity.

Uruguay Expressed Support for Zone of Peace

BK101616 Katmandu External Service in English 1450 GMT 10 Sep 84

[Text] Uruguay has extended its full support to his majesty's proposal that Nepal be declared a zone of peace. This information was given by Foreign Minister Padma Bahadur Khatri at the Rashtriya Panchayat today. The number of countries supporting the zone of peace proposal has now reached 45.

Mr Khatri said an official letter of Uruguay Government has expressed support to the proposal that Nepal be declared a zone of peace. It also expressed satisfaction at the friendly relations existing between Nepal and Uruguay. He said Nepal's relations with Uruguay, located on the South America's Atlantic coast, was cordial and (?they) cooperate in various international forums. Mr Khatri also expressed happy thanks to the Government of Uruguay for its support to Nepal's zone of peace proposal which embodied Nepal's commitment to peace and development.

SRI LANKA

Troops, Separatists Dead in Northern Ambush

BK101254 Hong Kong AFP in English 1231 GMT 10 Sep 84

[Excerpt] Colombo, Sept 10 (AFP) — Six soldiers and five separatists were killed when Tamil separatists ambushed a military convoy and blew up a vehicle in northeastern Sri Lanka today, official sources said.

This brings the toll of security personnel killed in the separatist offensive launched last month to 23.

The soldiers died today when a land mine blew up their vehicle in Mullaittivu District. Three other soldiers were wounded.

The five separatists were killed and several others were wounded when the soldiers in the convoy fired back, the sources said.

Militant separatists recently have planted explosive devices on roads used by security patrols in the north, but there have been no reports of violence in the past few days.

Militants have blown up Army and police patrols on at least five occasions in the current campaign.

9 Soldiers Reported Killed

BK101531 Hong Kong AFP in English 1505 GMT 10 Sep 84

[Excerpts] Colombo, Sept 10 (AFP) — Nine soldiers and four separatists were killed when Tamil separatists ambushed a military convoy and blew up a vehicle in northeastern Sri Lanka today, officials said.

The attack brings the official toll of security personnel killed in the separatist offensive launched last month to 26, while some 90 separatists are reported to have been killed. Meanwhile the leader of a separatist faction, the Tamil Eelam Liberation Extremists, was shot dead today in the north by another group, the People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam, other sources said. Political rivalry was thought to be the motive.

In another incident in the eastern town of Batticaloa, suspected separatists armed with a sub-machine gun stole 16,800 rupees (670 dollars) from a railway station and injured two people, official reports said.

The soldiers died today when a land mine blew up their vehicle in Mullaittivu District. One other soldier is seriously wounded, the sources said.

The four separatists were killed and several others wounded when the soldiers in the convoy fired back, the sources said.

Alleged Terrorist Leader Killed in Jaffna

BK111111 Colombo International Service in English 1030 GMT 11 Sep 84

[Excerpt] The alleged leader of a terrorist splinter group calling itself the Tamil Eelam Liberation Extremists was shot dead at Arafadi in Jaffna. Uma Maheshwaran's group is believed to be responsible for the killing of Navaraja Jagadishan. Jagadishan was killed while lying in amush for an attack on an Army or Navy convoy. An explosive device had been planted on the Vaddukkoddai-Karelanka road by the security forces had discovered the bomb. [sentence as heard] The Army, which searched Jagadishan's house, today found a large number of detonaters, 8 rounds of ammunition, a large quantity of improvised granades, and 4 grams of gold.

The security forces have also taken into custody two hardcore terrorists at a village in Trincomalee. They are believed to be members of the Uma Maheshwaran group. The minister of national security, Lalith Athulathmudali, confirmed this report when contacted by the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation this morning.

Tamil Separatist Groups Vying for Recruits

BK081201 Hong Kong AFP in English 1104 GMT 8 Sep 84

[By Neville de Silva]

[Text] Colombo, Sept 8 (AFP) — Tamil separatists are now recruiting youth of Indian-Tamil origin for combat training in southern India to fight for an independent Tamil state, intelligence reports said.

Recruitment is centred in central Sri Lanka's tea plantation area, the traditional home of Indian-Tamil labour imported by Britain last century to run the tea estates, the reports said.

Informed sources told AGENCE FRENCE-PRESSE that two of the major militant groups — the People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam (PLOTE) and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), both led from India's Tamil Nadu state — were vying for recruits among Sri Lanka's plantation youth.

The largely government-owned *DAILY NEWS* said today that Sri Lankan police had found a large cache of swords, knives and separatist literature in a raid in Central Province.

After arresting 15 youths, police reportedly recovered letters written by other youths from camps in southern India. The writers said they would receive 1,000 rupees ($40) during their training in weapons handling and guerrilla warfare, the *DAILY NEWS* reported

Meanwhile most Indian-Tamils, who live mainly in the plantations, have rejected the idea of a separate state which is planned for the country's distant northern and eastern areas.

But sources said penetration by militant groups into the tea plantation sector could have serious results.

Tea is still Sri Lanka's main foreign exchange earner, bringing in about 50 percent of total export earnings. Separatist recruitment in the plantations could hit Sri Lanka's economy if it made this key sector vulnerable to attack, the sources warned.

Meanwhile the *DAILY NEWS* reported that separatists allegedly stole sophisticated electronic equipment from several construction sites in northern Sri Lanka.

Quoting military sources, the newspaper said separatists had stolen at gunpoint a machine which could be used for mining roads.

In recent weeks separatists have ambushed security patrols by laying explosive devices on several roads in the north. Several security personnel were killed in the attacks.

Security men are alleged to have retaliated by attacks in which civilians have been killed and shops set on fire.

National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali was unavailable for comment.

Uniformed Gang Hijacks Bus, Kills 14

BK110802 Hong Kong AFP in English 0712 GMT 11 Sep 84

[Text] Colombo, Sept 11 (AFP) — Armed men shot dead 14 people and wounded several others after hijacking a bus bound for Jaffna last night, correspondents reported from Sri Lanka's troubled north. The gang were dressed in uniform, the correspondents said, fueling a belief held by some Tamils that the Army was responsible for the hijack in retaliation for yesterday's ambush in Mullaitivu District which killed nine soldiers.

Correspondents said that the 14 bodies were recovered on the road to the northwestern town of Mannar while six of the wounded are at Vavuniya Hospital, 254 kilometers (158 miles) north of here.

Secretary to the Defence Ministry, General Sepala Attygalle, said he had received reports of the hijacking, but there had been no confirmation. "I have asked the Army commander and the commander of the area to report on it," Gen. Attygalle said.

According to reports reaching the Sri Lankan capital, the bus was bound for Jaffna on the northern tip of the island from Colombo. It was hijacked at the village of Rambawe, near the ancient Sinhalese capital of Anuradhapura, about 150 kilometers (95 miles) south of Jaffna.

The bus was reported to have stopped at a wayside tea kiosk when the armed men entered the bus. They ordered the driver to take a diversion on to the road leading to Mannar, the correspondents reported. A few miles further on, the driver was ordered to stop and the passengers were told to get off, they added. The gang then opened fire on the passengers, killing 14 outright, while others escaped into the surrounding jungle, the correspondents reported.

Indian Port Workers Lift Boycott on Shipping

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[Text] Indian port workers have announced the lifting of a boycott of Sri Lankan vessels. The All India Port and Dock Workers Federation says they have called off the boycott in response to an appeal from the Indian shipping and transport minister, K. Vijaya Bhaskara Reddy.

At a ceremony held recently in Kuliyapitiya, the minister of national security, Lalith Athulathmudali, said those boycotting our vessels will suffer the most if Sri Lanka retaliated. However, he said, it was not the government's intention to do this, in an obvious reference to the Indian boycott. He pointed out that we may suffer a loss in a boycott, it was positive that they would stand to suffer a bigger loss.

Finance Minister Leaves for Commonwealth Conference
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[Excerpts] Finance and Planning Minister Ronnie de Mel left last night for the Commonwealth finance minister's conference which is being held in Toronto, Canada. After the Commonwealth finance minister's conference, Mr de Mel will attend the annual meetings of the IMF and the World Bank which will be held in Washington. It is understood that Sri Lanka will not need an immediate agreement with the IMF in view of its present satisfactory balance of payment position.

Khamene'i Returns From North African Visit

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[Text] Tehran Sept. 11 IRNA — President 'Ali Khemene'i of the Islamic Republic and his accompanying delegation returned here at 05:45 hours local time today concluding a five-day official visit to Syria, Libya and Algeria.

Welcoming the Iranian delegation at the airport were Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi, Cabinet ministers and a group of civil and military officials of the country.

President Khamene'i left Algiers Monday night after concuding his talks with his Algerian counterpart Chadli Bendjedid. The president and his accompanying delegation were seen off at the Algerian airport by Bendjedid and other top-ranking Algerian officials. Before leaving Algiers, the Iranian president reviewed the guard of honor at the airport.

In an interview upon his departure, President Khamene'i described his visit to Syria, Libya and Algeria as very successful, further saying that "we reached all the objectives of this trip."

He said that in his talks with the Algerian president, they had discussed issues of mutual interest particularly the Palestinian issue. "Fortunately we were in agreement on all the issues," the president said. He expressed the hope that "we could fulfill our grave duty on the issue of Palestine which can be termed the most important issue in the world of Islam."

The president also said that the expulsion of the Zionist regime from international organisations, particularly the United Nations, was another subject matter of the discussions between him and the Algerian officials.

The president of the Islamic Republic said he and his Algerian counterpart had fully stressed further coordination among the Muslim progressive countries.

President Khamene'i began his first trip overseas with Syria as a member of the steadfastness front. Heading a high-ranking political-military delegation, the Iranian president left Tehran for Damascus on Thursday after a meeting with Imam Khomeyni on the occasion of 'Id al-Adha (the Muslim feast of sacrifice).

During the trip he held talks with President al-Asad, Colonel al-Qadhdhafi, and President Bendjedid on a number of issues, including the expuslion of the Zionist regime from international organisations.

Accompanying the president in his trip were Foreign Minister Velayati, the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps (IRGC) Minister, Mohsen Rafiqdust, Ground Forces Commander Seyyed-Shirazi, presidential advisor Mustafa Mir Salim and two members of the Majlis foreign commission Doa'i and Shahcheraghi.

Gives Interview on Trip

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[Interview granted to unidentified correspondent by Iranian President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i on 11 September upon his return to Tehran from his tour of Syria, Libya and Algeria — recorded]

[Text] [Question] Mr. President, please tell us what major topics you covered in Syria, Libya, and Algeria during your talks with the leaders of those countries?

[Khamene'i] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful, our talks during our visit to these three countries centered around the question of Palestine and coordination of our multilateral cooperation in confronting Israel. As is known, we have friendly and mutual relations on the highest plane with these three countries. On the basis of these relations, various other matters were also discussed during our meetings in these countries. However, the major issue that was discussed was the question of Palestine. This is because the United States and its allies have launched a new movement and a new offensive in this region. The aim of this offensive is to increase pressures on the region and to pursue the course of the Camp David accords. We have expressed special concern over this new development and discussed this threat with our brothers. I am pleased to say that we met with understanding, acceptance, and a common viewpoint on this matter everywhere we went. In all three countries talks were held in a spirit of complete understanding and mutual agreement.

[Question] [indistinct question about Africa and the talks with the leaders in Libya and Algeria]

[Khamene'i] We also discussed African issues. As you are aware, all the efforts of the Islamic Republic are directed toward achieving closer ties with countries which have long been subjected to superpower persecution. We have a kind of sympathy and special relationship with the countries of Africa, including these two countries, and especially Algeria. In this context we can achieve cooperation, especially in the cultural, political, and economic fields. This cooperation has already started and this time we expect new impetus to be given to this cooperation. We expect that the goals of cooperation we have set for ourselves with regard to these African countries will be carried even further.

[Question] Mr President, please tell us [question indistinct]

[Khamene'i] During our talks, we put special emphasis on the unity of the Islamic world because this is one of the aspirations common to all of us as Muslims. When we cooperate among ourselves and when Muslim leaders develop common views on major international issues — which are indeed issues common to all of us — we can marshall a great force for achieving lofty aspirations in the service of humanity.

The significance of the hajj was also discussed during these talks in the context that Muslims from all over the world gather in the name of a common creed. The stress on nationalism and the divisive effect of nationalism on the Islamic community was also discussed. Many people in the Muslim world place so much stress on the question of nationalities that Islam, the common denominator — is lost sight of. We believe, fortunately, that our brothers in those countries with whom we met are fully aware of this problem. It was noted, in particular, that in the areas of the world east of Iran there are some 300 million Muslims. These Muslims form various nationalities. When Islam is made the focal point, all of this manpower, including Arabs and non-Arabs who live in other parts of the world, in the Middle East and Africa, can become a great movement.

We also discussed the bases for long-term, multilateral cooperation with these brothers. Our brothers in the countries we visited agreed with us on these matters. Cooperation in the cultural, political, and economic fields was also discussed. The officials concerned are expected to follow up on these matters. Our brothers in the Foreign Ministry will contact their counterparts in the countries visited and, God willing, the matters we discussed will be implemented.

[Question](?Did you have any discussions regarding the imposed war?)

[Khamene'i] Naturally this war is our major problem and our friends everywhere want to know our views on this matter. We very briefly and clearly explained the view of the Islamic Republic on this issue. We said our aim in the war is to rid Iraq of Saddam Husayn's regime. As long as this regime remains in Iraq it will be futile to think of peace in the region. (?We cannot say how long the war will take to end).

Libyan-Iranian Statement

For the Tripoli Domestic Service version, with comparison inserts from Tehran Domestic Service, of the joint Libyan-Iranian statement issued following the visit of Iranian President 'Ali Khamene'i to Libya, see the North Africa section of the 11 September Middle East & Africa *DAILY REPORT*.

Khomeyni Receives SAIRI Spokesman, Martyrs' Kin

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[Text] Tehran, Sept. 10, IRNA — Imam Khomeyni, the leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, received Muhammad Baqr Hakim, the spokesman of the Supreme Assembly of the Islamic Revolution of Iraq (SAIRI), on Monday.

On the same day, families of martyrs from several cities met with the imam in the Jamaran mosque.

In the gathering the head of the martyrs' foundation Mehdi Karrubi spoke about and praised the selfless work of the families.

SAIRI Supports Expulsion of Israel From UN

LD101628 Tehran IRNA in English 1545 GMT 10 Sep 84

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 10, IRNA — The Supreme Assembly of Islamic Revolution of Iraq (SAIRI) announced its support for the Iranian plan to expell the Zionist regime from the United Nations.

In a statement published Monday, the Assembly said efforts to expell the Zionist regime from the United Nations is an important step in the Liberation of the occupied city of AL-Quds in Palestine.

Imperialist plots to thwart this plan and U.S. threats to stop financial assistance to the United Nations will have no effect, the statement said.

Armed Forces Joint Staff Communique No 1,846

LD101535 Tehran IRNA in English 1513 GMT 10 Sep 84

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 10, IRNA — More than 22 Iraqi troops were killed or wounded as the Iranian forces, barraging enemy supply routes and rallying places throughout the battlefronts, destroyed over 10 armament positions, a 106-mm gun, five bunkers and a lookout post over the past 24 hours, according to the 1,846th Joint Staff communique issued Monday.

In the northwestern fronts alone, 18 enemy soldiers were killed or wounded by the Islamic combatants who directed their accurate fire at Iraqi concentration pionts and logistical routes during the said period.

In the western border fronts of Bakhtaran and Ilam, Iraqi forces sustained 4 casualties when their positions came under fire by Iran's Muslim forces.

Some enemy patrol groups spotted in the southern theatre were immediately checked and forced to flee by the fire of the Iranian defenders, which also smashed 10 Iraqi heavy and light weaponry positions west of the Arvand River.

The communique further said that Abadan's residential areas were subjected to the Iraqi long-range artillery fire during Sunday.

Bushehr, Dashtestan Volunteers Leave for Front

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[Text] Every day groups of young self-sacrificing people of Bushehr leave for the battlefronts of right against wrong. According to the Central News Unit, a group of mobilization heroes, chanting crushing slogans, left the headquarters of the Islamic Revolution mobilization unit in Borazjan yesterday for the fronts of battle of right against wrong. In addition, a group of volunteers and members of a mobilization unit for the oppressed in Dashtestan left for military training centers. After completing their training course, they will join their fighting brothers in the battlefronts of right against wrong.

Montazeri on Conduct of Judiciary, Foreign Trade

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[Excerpts] State Public Prosecutor Sane'i met and conferred with Grand Ayatollah Montazeri last night. In the course of the meeting Grand Ayatollah Montazeri made some detailed and important remarks about various issues, including the attitudes of the offices of public prosecutors towards the people, justification of the need to avoid excesses, as well as assuring the people about their safety and protection of their property and prestige.

Recalling that during the post-revolution period, at times climates existed in society which, wittingly or unwittingly, influenced most judicial and executive officials, resulting in the commission of certain offenses, he emphasized: The important thing is for us not to be controlled by circumstances, climates, or emotions; we should try to control them.

Considering the circumstances, it is both important and necessary to justify judges and the offices of public prosecutors, while reminding them to consider all aspects of things. Consequently, courts and offices of public prosecutors should be reminded to settle minor charges in a judicious manner avoiding measures which would result in trial and imprisonment of individuals. Apart from the fact that this would lead — whether we want it to or not — to discontent among people,overcrowding of prisons, and consequently the need for more staff, it would also weaken the dignity of courts and judgment.

Commenting on improvement in the climate of confidence amongshopkeepers and tradesmen following the recent remarks by his great eminence the imam and the subsequent fall in prices of a great many goods and even the dollar in the currency market, he said: One of the methods of implementing the imam's objective with regard to the government's and people's participation in foreign trade — in a way which the people's situations as well as the government's legal ownership over foreign currency are taken into account — is for the government to sell the foreign currency at its disposal — thecurrency which belongs to the treasury — at a higher rate. This method was applied in connection with the pilgrims this year, without having any undesirable consequences. For instance, the government may announce that businessmen may obtain foreign currency at a certain rate — a rate which is higher than the present rate of foreign exchange — from the government for foreign trade and sell the imported goods at a price commensurate with the situation of the country and the people. Meanwhile, the government should supervise prices and their proper application.

He emphasized: I believe that if the imam's remarks are adhered to properly, without becoming plagued by numerous interpretations and comments, there is no doubt they would play a significant role in improving the country's economy, increasing the people's confidence in the government and increasing the private sector's investments in many cases.

Syrian Minister Arrives for Cooperation Talks

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[Text] According to our correspondent, Mr Mahmud Qaddur, the Syrian minister of industry, arrived in Tehran tonight heading an economic and trade delegation. He was welcomed by the minister of commerce, Abedi-Ja'fari, and by the Syrian ambassador to Iran. This trip is taking place at the invitation of Iran's ministers of commerce and industries and will be devoted to discussion of economic and industrial relations between the two countries and expansion of political relations.

The Syrian minister of industry told our correspondent, in a short interview at Mehrabad airport: Considering the similar views of the leaders of the two countries on combating Zionist and imperialist aggressions, we will arrive at joint solutions in our meetings with the officials of the Islamic Republic of Iran. He also said: At these meeting, which are taking place at the invitation of the ministers of commerce and industries of the Islamic Republic of Iran, economic, industrial and technological relations between the two countries will be discussed and studied.

Mr Qaddur also added: In several meetings with officials and industrial and trade delegations of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Damascus various cases of cooperation between the two countries were reviewed and now, in order to strengthen cooperation between Iran and Syria, we will have discussions and talks with high-ranking industrial and economic officials.

Commercial, Economic Talks Begin

LD101740 Tehran IRNA in English 1655 GMT 10 Sep 84

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 10, IRNA — Iran and Syria held their first round of talks on commercial and economic relations here today.

The Iranian minister of commerce, Hasan Abedi Ja'fari, and the Syrian minister of industry, Mahmud Qaddur, said in an interview with reporters after the meeting that Iran and Syria have adopted and implemented policies ensuring the permanent setback of superpowers and their disappointment in the futility of their efforts for finding past footholds in the two countries.

The two sides have also expressed satisfaction over the expansion of economic relations between the two countries and expressed hope that better efforts would be made to ensure an optimum utilization of resources in the two countries in the interest of the Iranian and Syrian people.

Gharazi Comments on Oil Production, Revenue

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[Text] Continuing his visit to Tabriz, Oil Minister Gharazi attended a gathering of Tabriz refinery workers this morning and discussed employee issues with them. Afterwards he paid tribute to the dedication of the oil industry work force and presented his audience with statistics on the oil ministry's post-revolution activities. He said that the oil act [as heard] has two important

provisions: First, to provide the country with foreign exchange, and secondly, to distribute fuel. The Ministry of Petroleum must ensure that government accounts receive a total of $24 billion annually. As we have all witnessed, following the victory of the Islamic Revolution pressure was brought upon our country from all sides in an effort to halt our oil exports. Fortunately, however, we were able through the efforts of everyone in the oil industry working day and night to earn for the country $23 billion in 1361 [21 March 1982 — 20 March 1983]. Our efforts continue, and in the first six months of this year [21 March — 22 September], despite certain problems, including attacks on oil tankers in the Persian Gulf, we have earned the country the foreign exchange goal set by the Majlis.

On the subject of distribution, Gharazi said that seven thousand metric tons of petroleum products are distributed daily throughout the country via pipelines and tanker vehicles. He added that he was pleased to report that the country's unloading capacity has increased by fifty percent over its refining capacity, and that with current sales we are saving 20 billion rials in expenditures [time period not specified].

The oil minister pointed out that exploration, exploitation, production, and drilling activities are 85 percent of the Petroleum Ministry's work. He added that the drilling industry had been U.S. monopoly, but that after the victory of the Islamic Revolution, the Petroleum Ministry, with the assistance of Iranian experts, entered this field and has to date achieve considerable progress. It is planned to increase our drilling capacity to 90,000 meters by the end of this year [20 March 1985], he said.

Deputy Foreign Minister Receives Palestinian Envoy

LD071121 Tehran IRNA in English 1054 GMT 7 Sep 84

[Text] Tehran Sept. 7, IRNA — The Palestinian charge d'affaires in Tehran met deputy foreign minister, 'Ali Mohammad Besharati on Wednesday and discussed Iran's proposals for the expulsion of the Zionist regime from the United Nations.

Besharati said Imam Khomeyni, the leader of the revolution, has been struggling against Zionism for the last twenty-two years. He also called for stepped-up Palestinian efforts to battle against the Zionist forces of occupation.

52 Passengers of Hijacked Plane Returned

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[Text] Tehran Sept. 11 IRNA — A group of 52 passengers of the Iran Air plane hijacked on Saturday, were flown back home on a Middle East airliner early Tuesday morning. They arrived here at 03:17 hours local time Tuesday (11:47 GMT Monday).

They were among the 123 passengers of the Islamic Republic airliner which was hijacked on a domestic flight on Saturday and taken to Baghdad.

This group of passengers including women and children managed to flee at Cairo airport where the hijacked Iranian plane had landed for refuelling.

The Iraq regime announced Monday that it would not return back to Iran the three Iranian planes hijacked to Baghdad in August and September this year. They include two passenger planes (an air bus and a Boeing 727) and an F-14 fighter.

The Hague Court Rejects U.S. Claim Against Iran

LD101354 Tehran IRNA in English 1817 GMT 10 Sep 84

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 9, IRNA — The Foreign Claims Bureau of the Ministry of Housing announced here today that the International Court in The Hague has judged against a 200 million dollar claim by an American company against Iran. The department said the claim had been filed with the court by 'Rand and Holdings Inc.'

The Hague court has jurisdiction on American and Iranian financial claims against each other.

Atomic Energy Official Reports Construction Progress

LD081710 Tehran IRNA in English 1350 GMT 8 Sep 84

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 8, IRNA — So far, 80 percent of construction work of the first unit and 60 percent of the second unit, as well as installation of mechanical and electronical systems of Bushehr atomic power station have been completed.

Head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, Reza Amrollahi , announcing this, added that over 50 atomic projects were studied last year with more emphasis on the employment of nuclear sciences in medical, agricultural and industrial fields.

He said that exploration works were underway in five areas in Iran, satisfactory result was promising for the supply of raw materials from inside the country.

Kuwait Expels 21 More Iranian Workers

LD092249 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 8 Sep 84

[Text] In line with its hostile measures, the Kuwaiti Government expelled another 21 Muslim Iranian workers from that country during the past few days. The expelled workers arrived in Bushehr via the Persian Gulf and were housed at a special camp set up for Iranian deportees.

Former Minister Requests Asylum in Paris

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[Text] Paris — Mostafa Hashemi, former minister of light industry in the Islamic Republic, who had gone to Algeria, has arrived in Paris. According to an unconfirmed report, Hashemi has asked the French Government for political asylum.

Hashemi was among five ministers who did not receive a vote of confidence in Majlis and were forced out. Two days after losing his post Hashemi left for Algeria. Sources close to Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, the former president of the Islamic Republic of Iran,

report that Hashemi went to Algeria with a number of documents and a quantity of foreign currency and gold on an alleged mission, but escaped to France. The Islamic Guards stopped the former minister of education and development, 'Ali Akbar Parvaresh, from leaving Iran last month.

Radio Iran: Montazeri Says Slogans Without Substance
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1330 GMT 9 Sep 84

[Text] As a result of the definite deterioration of the regime, Hoseyn 'Ali Montazeri officially announced that the slogans of the Islamic Republic have no substance. Montazeri, who was refered to in the past as Khomeyni's successor but whose destiny is not clear now as a result of the collapse of the regime, said yesterday: Our slogans of death to the United States and the Soviet Union have no substance. When the country is dependent on the East and West in industry and science, neither our slogans nor our claims of self-sufficiency and independence mean anything.

Political experts say that this retreat by Sheykh Hoseyn 'Ali Montazeri from previous positions of the Islamic Republic is a personal effort to assure his own safety once Ruhollah Khomeyni dies. These informed experts stress that the life of the empty Islamic Republic is going to end either with Khomeyni's elimination from the political scene or with his death.